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Phone call to Nicholas Katzenbach, May 31, 1978

I called Katzenbach to set up an interview and deposition. He said he has been out of town the past month, is just now moving to a new house and will not even be able to discuss scheduling a deposition until June 12th. I will call him the He said he might be available a week or so later as he is planning a trip to D.C. then. I will nail it down on the 12t when I call him back.

He said he looks forward to speaking with us, and said at the outset that he hoped we "are going after the FBI and CIA on what they did with the Commission." I said we were exami their cooperation with the Commission very thoroughtly and h laughed quite loudly, saying, "Cooperation? I didn't think t term is applicable. It's unbelievable some of the stuff they concealed" from the Commission. He immediately brought up th CIA/Mafia plots saying that "that was pretty incredible, con cealing that." He went on to volunteer his view that "Dulles was obviously the CIA's spy on the Commission, they should h never gone for that." He went on to say that "Hoover was imp sible in those days. His real talent was running over people and covering up in the process." He did not elaborate, but w on to say that he hoped we were "really going after" both th FBI and CIA.

He said he had great sympathy for the Commission itself, and has no real regrets over his role in creating it, but has quite a different impression of the investigation now in hindsight.

He said he looks forward to discussing this, and said that he would like to furnish us with his office logs from that period in the hopes that they might be informative. I said we would apprecaite having them.

He also said that he hoped we could overcome "the traditiona weakness of Congresssional investigations" and said that he thought Blakey "is a very good man."

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